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## Editorial Comment

The National Enquirer takes pleasure in presenting to its readers the following article by George Eames Barstow, of Barstow, Texas. He is a member of the League to Enforce Peace, also of the committee of presentation of the Lincoln statue in London and a member of the National Arts Club of New York. He has wide vision and has given careful thought to the problems now confronting the country. His scholarly article will be read with interest.

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# Carry On---Whither?

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Why does the wide, wide world today carry on? Why has the world marshaled its valiant hosts and its every power and energy to carry on? Why, today, are three-quarters or more of the world's people and nations arrayed in a gigantic struggle anent the other one-quarter of its peoples and nations? What has occurred that has set the world ablaze in horrible warfare and carnage? And I answer because the forces of evil carry on at the present time as never before discovered in recorded history. Pandemonium let loose! Hell would seem to be delivering itself for man's final discomforture on earth. His satanic majesty has employed the "Potsdam gang" to utilize the agencies of science, education, the potent pen, the sanctuary of the home, the church, the innocence of childhood and the ripeness of age to uproot and forever destroy the processes of love, justice and truth. The kaiser and his junkers have, with dynamic force, chicanery, lying, deception, brutality and

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frightfulness, struck at the very vitals of organized society!

### **What Germany Proposes**

They propose to emasculate the ethical and spiritual forces of the world and establish a system of abject carnalism. They would uproot all the spiritual values of life which connote the Christian religion and command all the world to bow down and worship the ancient god Odin. And the kaiser would carry on by brutalized force and engraft his kultur (?) upon all nations and peoples of the world and enthrone himself as the lord over the entire universe. Truly, Germany has lost her soul!

The German people once possessed a soul; but now no more. As an able oriental observer recently said:

"Germany is a giant possessed of the soul of a dwarf—a childish, self-seeking soul, not intent on benefiting mankind, but infatuated with the greed of gain and resolute to concentrate all the powers of its enormous body on the acquisition of material advantages."

In his *Inferno*, Dante portrays the character of the German kaiser with vitriolic effect:

Cerebus, cruel monster, fierce and strange,  
Through his wide threefold throat barks as a dog,  
Over a multitude immersed beneath.  
His belly large, and claw'd the hands with which  
He tears the spirits, flays them, and their limbs  
Piecemeal disparts.

### **Will We Consent**

Does the allied world propose to permit such carrying on? Will life be worth while for the nations of the earth under such environment? Are we ready to resign ourselves in this twentieth century to ethical, spiritual, mental and political slavery? Have we become so corro-



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ed with greed, vanity, the lust of pleasure, the ambition for place, power, and cheap display as that we are willing for ourselves and those who come after us to crucify the cardinal virtues of love and sacrifice? These are the vital questions of the hour!

We cannot too often be reminded of the fact, proven by incontrovertible evidence that Germany was the original cause of the war for which she had been preparing herself for generations, and boasted of her martial greatness and not without cause. And while I am writing comes the proof positive as found in Lichnowsky's celebrated memorandum made when he was the German ambassador at London. Germany also believed in her psychological power to captivate and master the mind and soul of all peoples and rule as lord triumphant. As I have held in speech and writings from the inception of the war, this is a battle royal for ideals. Therein lies the crux of the matter! Shall national and international justice or injustice hold sway? Shall slavery or freedom control? Shall righteousness or unrighteousness prevail? Speaking reverently, shall God or the devil be enthroned on earth? Choose you now, Americans, whom you will serve. Will you carry on now to making the supreme sacrifice if necessary?

### **No Room for Doubt**

Many intelligent and thoughtful people in the states are seriously inquiring for what we should carry on. Do not such and all loyal Americans believe that more than an adequate answer has been given in this inquiry? Surely no careful and sound thinker who has followed the world's events during no more than the past four years can honestly be a doubting Thomas.

We have been told on various occasions by many true and zealous people that we should not now be concerned about plans and formulas for adoption after the

war, but address ourselves entirely to prosecuting and winning the war. Therein lies a measure of truth, but not the entire truth! Mighty social, economic, political and spiritual forces are emitting their nauseous programs and may convulse the world structure! Only as the nations are ably and wisely directed and future avenues of conduct prepared in advance which the nations must follow, will democracy and not anarchy control the world. Every sound thinker possessing vision and grasp should now be exercising his every energy in an attempt to solve, steady and give wholesome political, mental and ethical direction to the peoples of the world and thereby create and eventuate such a sound public opinion as that we may know—whither we shall carry on.

### **Bound By Common Ideals**

Every nation and people must be bound together by common ideals and with an adequate and sufficient governmental control to enforce those ideals or they will soon drift into anarchy and decay. Our forebears in New England having been inspired by fundamental and living ideals formulated a government possessing such power. They established the church with the school house on one side of same and the court house on the other. The emblems of truth, knowledge and justice.

The whole world stands as a witness to the wisdom of their conception and adoption of the socio-political requirements of the human race. Various isms have arisen hoping to overthrow the form of such government, all of which have during the present war clasped hands with what is left of an ancient form of government which we term autocracy. There is social democracy or internationalism, I. W. W., Bolshevism and Sinn Feinism. These have all bowed down to the German kaiser—and in a most drastic manner in Germany itself.

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### **The Kaiser's Aim**

The kaiser aided by his army of devilish lieutenants by and through chicanery and lying is striving to discredit government by democracy. He expects many peoples and nations to become exhausted in spiritual and mental fiber and because of resultant disorder and anarchy to again accept autocracy as their only refuge for the restoration of social and political order. Witness Russia today—the world's object lesson! Sorrowful as is the experience of that great people today, its anguish becomes a blessing in disguise to the allied nations.

When autocracy shall have been overthrown, and only then, may we look forward with unlimited hope that a permanent peace will be established and law and order in all nations will be enthroned and perpetuated because the people and not a few autocrats will control the destinies of the world. Horrible as is the world upheaval, it is already proving a giant educator!

World education and fraternity for the proletariat and bourgeoisie alike will hereafter cover the earth's surface. Knowledge is power, as Shakespeare said, and if the people wield that power wisely the world's liberties will be saved.

### **Perfection Not Expected**

As I have indicated, when all the nations of the world shall be governed by an intelligent and ethical democracy we shall have arrived at the irriducible minimum of the possibility of wars. But we cannot look for perfection in any human government! There will be differences and excrescences in the course of events. Hence, while we carry on the present war with utmost vigor, we must prepare for the future and embrace the principles as laid down by the League to Enforce Peace. Their purposes have met with the approval of the United States government and nearly, if not quite all, the allied



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nations and neutrals. The league's slogan, as originated by its president, the Hon. W. H. Taft, is: "Win the War for a Permanent Peace." Speaking briefly its principles are:

1. A judicial tribunal for all justiciable question not settled by negotiation.

2. An international council of conciliation.

3. Conferences of signatory powers from time to time: to formulate and codify rules of international law valid unless vetoed by some signatory power within a stated period.

4. Joint use of economic forces against a signatory power which refuses to submit any question to court or council before committing hostilities; joint use of military forces against a signatory which actually begins war before such submission.

The league was founded in Independence Hall on Bunker Hill Day, June 15, 1915. State branches have been organized in forty-five states of the Union, in the legislatures of fourteen of which resolutions have been adopted supporting its program. The league from the outset, and still is, using all its resources to help our government and its allies to overthrow the "Potsdam gang" and is unqualifiedly opposed to a premature and German-made peace. At the close of the war the league's every energy will be devoted to realizing the objects for which we and our allies are now fighting.

### **A Sublime Conception**

One of the most marvelous concepts of the human mind on the humanitarian side of the world's life has evolved during the past fourteen years from the mind and soul of Hendrick C. Anderson, an American architect and sculptor, residing in Rome, in the creation of a

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world center of communication. To his sublime concept, indefatigable devotion, broad mentality and deep flowing spirituality the world is indebted for what promises marvelous fruitage in the development of a world center of activities in the arts, sciences, religion, physical culture, hygiene, agriculture, criminology, invention and transportation.

The society purposes to focus all its activities in a massive world center located at some desirable place in Europe or the United States.

The society further proposes to house all great international interests and unite all nations and peoples for attaining peace and progress upon the broadest humanitarian lines. This housing will be required to be—and is marvelously planned—upon massive and practical ideals by Mr. Anderson, assisted by M. E. Hebrard of Paris, architect for the French government, and assisted by forty architects, engineers, sculptors and painters. Mr. Anderson and his assistants have been nine years in preparing these plans. The cost of the entire structure is approximated at \$100,000,000.

These plans after the war will be on exhibition in the principal capitals of the world. Ten square miles of ground will be covered by the world center with buildings adapted toward uniting all international interests. In the center of the same will be the Tower of Progress 320 meters high, environed by magnificent grounds and buildings suitable for the world center's various requirements, such as congresses of the world, medicine, surgery, hygiene, law, criminology, electricity, invention, agriculture, transportation. All of these will be fully equipped with libraries and museums. There will also be a Hall of Justice, Temple of Religions, International Bank, World Reference Library and an Institute of Higher Learning. Likewise, a great civic center and an International Court of Justice.

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### **Encouragement Given**

Great encouragement has been showered upon Mr. Anderson. His plan for the world center has been most warmly endorsed by a legion of scientific and other national and international organizations and individuals of many nationalities. A great conference took place in December, 1913, at the Sorbonne, at which the most distinguished philosophers and writers of Paris were present, and President Poincare addressed the gathering. The moral support of most European nations is given the world center, and it is accepted as most feasible and practicable by their broadest intelligence.

### **Dawn at Hand**

While the physical boundaries of the world have been practically settled, the highest realm of spiritual, moral and mental life among men has only fairly begun to dawn! To centralize these lofty and inspiring principles is the excelsior attainment to which Mr. Anderson aspires, indeed, that which becomes the very Alpha and foundation upon which he seeks to establish the world center.

The plans of the world center are not anarchistic, but constructive; not socialistic, but humanitarian; not founded on license, but in the love of liberty; not advocating autocracy, but democracy. The material clothed in the spiritual. The divine dwelling in the natural.

### **A Worthy Society**

A most important work now being done—and for which greater urgency will be required after the war—is to be found in the Immigrant Publication Society, Inc., 241 Fifth Avenue, New York, and under the able directorship of Mr. John Foster Carr. This society originated in the patriotic work of the Connecticut Daughters of



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the American Revolution and endorsed by the National Society of the S. A. R.

This society is in a most potential, humane and sympathetic manner reaching out to the great immigrant class of our people and in clear but simple language teaching them of the living ideals of our government and the laws thereof and is most worthy of the moral and financial support of every true American.

For more than ten years past I have advocated the importance of having the federal government amplify its machinery in connection with the great masses of people assembled in our mining and industrial regions in the east, and to provide that the government's sanction should be given to certain land areas or districts as being a sound and feasible undertaking for thousands of such families who are desirous of becoming agriculturists and who have the necessary funds for such purposes. Moreover, that, in a large number of cases, where the people are worthy and without sufficient money, the government should render such financial help as is required under wholesome regulations. Several European nations, even Russia, have operated under this plan and to great advantage to those nations. Agriculture is the basis of material wealth and we need a far larger percentage of our people living on the land for the nation's social and ethical uplift.

### **A Fallacy**

The agitator, Trotsky, tells us that capitalism is the root of wars and hence the suppression of the proletariat. But the fact stands out in bold relief in this world war that such is not true. Indeed, there has been no war during the past more than one hundred years where the principle has been involved, except in the case of Germany. Capitalism in Germany joined the junkers for

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war and carnage and the oppression of peoples and nations. Capitalism in England, France, Italy and the United States joined these governments to overthrow oppression and create opportunity in all ways and insure liberty and justice for labor and the people at large. Capitalism can and should be used wisely and judicially controlled by a dispassionate democracy. And such has been the growing tendency, though by no means always with wisdom under democracy's sway. But to tear capital asunder is unthinkable and the height of folly! Under democracy the poor boy of yesterday is the capitalist of today. The proletariat should be safeguarded in every just and proper way; but not coddled by class legislation by the Cleons who simply gain and hold power by working upon the prejudices and passions of the masses.

### **Discussion Needed**

These grave questions are being and should continue to be broadly, though calmly, discussed by all the allied nations. If this discussion flows on the lines of real comradeship, we may hope for a wholesome solution. The destruction of capital will emasculate production! And production is the material panacea that the proletariat and bourgeois alike must diligently cultivate if they would enhance a nation's power. This will not be secured by agitators or some cultivated theorists who only murk the social atmosphere; neither by selfish, sordid and ambitious leaders who have little regard for law. Men of proved practical ability, knowledge and character can and will solve these vital issues in a way that will best contribute to the public welfare. The world is being rapidly democratized because of the sea of blood and anguish through which we are passing, and if the nations are sanctified thereby, a new spirit will prevail and equitable and sound judgment issue.

Our government at Washington is gradually, and we

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hope not too late, organizing for high efficiency in our own and the world's hour of drastic need. Our greatest energies, broad moderation, highest efficiency, unselfish devotion, crucifixion or partisanship and selection of the ablest and unsullied men for holding the reins of government, both now and during the reconstruction period after the war, are and will be required, and this fundamental matter should seriously occupy the attention of every American patriot.

### **A Great Sin**

One of the greatest sins of American manhood has been its neglect of its political functions! The lust of greed, pleasure and vain display has captivated the mind and soul of a large part of our manhood and sown the seeds of dissolution which have eaten at the very heart of our national life. Otherwise we would long before have heard the cry of the oppressed in Belgium, Serbia and Poland.

The church also does and will require important reconstruction if its vital agency is to continue in the list of world potentialities. And the greatest of these is love, that service which is found in sacrifice. If the church of the future would be a vital force she must throw off the worship of formalities—her creeds, dogmas and speculations. What the world requires is not form, but life! Both pulpit and pew must get into vital touch with human ills and apply broad sympathy and practical remedies thereto.

### **Product of Selfishness**

Whither shall we carry on in the near and distant future in respect to the propagating of our native American homes? Herein lies another of our national sins—the product of pure selfishness! The past fifty years has discovered a great decline in the birth rate of our native

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stock. In 1870 its percentage of the total population was 67.8 per cent. In 1910 it has fallen to 60.5 per cent. In New England in 1890 it was 40.3 per cent, and the showing in the middle states was about as bad. This discovers that where wealth is most predominantly held by the native stock ease and softness of life ensue and the birth rate declines. We have had a great increase in population. But such result arises because of enormous immigration and its high birth rate. There is no sound American student who is familiar with the facts, but who realizes the enormous task lying at our door to enlighten these masses of people in the fundamental principles of democracy that have bound us together in the past. But every native American should arouse himself to the full performance of his sacred duty to the state. We must foster with our children in home, church and school the true ideals of living for the common weal and not simply for what will contribute to our vanity and pleasure.

How grateful we are that the people of the United States are attaining with increasing rapidity a most essential cleavage in connection with this world war. This doubtless arises from the fact that there are but few homes that have not one or more sons and relatives who are marching under the colors for the purpose of preserving our liberties. And as time goes on we may expect that there will not be many homes "where there was mustard seed—and none had died." Will the great American people issue from all this sorrow with a new and living purpose? Shall the great spiritual forces lay hold of the heart of our nation so that we shall contribute to ourselves and the world in such a manner as to insure a permanent peace—a peace of righteousness?

Barstow, Texas.

